

**Statement by the Major Groups on Goal 15:** This text was developed with contributions from the following groups:- members of Beyond 2015, WWF, Global Forest Coalitions, Women's Major Group, World Animal Protection among others

We thank the Co-Chairs so far for the leadership in steering this process and welcome the focus on ecosystems and biodiversity. We would like to see much more close linkages to poverty goal. This is because healthy ecosystems are the basis for people's lives, particularly those living in poverty, providing essential goods and services such as food, clean air and water.

We note the focus on wetlands, and suggest that in accordance with the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment, forests and dry lands merit priority attention.

**Proposed goal 15. Protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems and halt all biodiversity loss**

- 15.1 by 2020 halt the loss of all biodiversity, and protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species
- 15.2 by 2020 ensure conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems, with particular attention to wetlands [ **ADD and forests**], including through [**ADD formal protection of 17% of ecosystems and**] restoration of at least 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems
- 15.3 maintain genetic diversity of both cultivated plants, farmed and domesticated animals and their wild relatives including through effective cooperation of national institutions
- 15.4 by 2030, ensure the implementation of sustainable management of all types of [**DEL forests and of mountain**] ecosystems
- 15.5 by 2030 [**DEL reverse the loss of and enhance**] [**ADD halt**] forest [**ADD degradation DEL cover**] worldwide [ **ADD and**]; increase[ **ADD restoration and reforestation** by x%, including by providing adequate incentives for developing countries [ **ADD and with respect to the rights of local communities**]
- 15.6 by 2030, halt [**DEL and prevent**] land degradation, reclaim land affected by [**ADD pollution, and desertification**] [**DEL and drought**]; and improve [**ADD natural soil fertility and production capacity**] [ **DEL land productivity and soil quality**]
- 15.7 ensure [**ADD transparency, accountability**] [**DEL fair**] [**ADD participation in the governance and management of natural resources and the fair**] and

equitable sharing of benefits arising from the ~~[ADD sustainable]~~ utilization of genetic resources

15.8 end poaching and trafficking of ~~[ADD wildlife, including]~~ endangered species, and end demand and supply of illegal wildlife products

15.9 introduce measures to ~~[ADD manage, control]~~ ~~[[DEL prevent the introduction]]~~-and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems, ~~[DEL and by 2020 control or eliminate the priority invasive species]~~

15.10 ensure free prior informed consent of indigenous peoples and local communities in decision making and natural resources management, and promote the use of their traditional knowledge ~~[ADD and respect for customary rights]~~

15.11 ~~[ADD recognize and respect the natural intangible or common heritage of the Earth and]~~ integrate natural resources and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, and accounts